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Wye's Letter verbatim, London Auguſt 5.

WE are told, That in a grand Council, which was held the 20th laſt Month at Herenhauſen, at which, both the Kings of Great Britain and Pruſſia were preſent, it was reſolved to ſend two Extraordinary Ambaſſadors to Warſaw, to deliver to the Deputies of the States of that Kingdom a Copy of the Convention ſigned by their Britannick and Pruſſian Majeſties; and then to demand of them a final Reſolution: And if they ſhould ſtill appear averſe to the Terms propoſed for an Accommodation, the ſaid Ambaſſadors are to leave a Proteſtation behind them, and to return furthwith.

Some Accounts ſtill intimate, that the Poles are combining amongſt themſelves againſt the Proteſtants, to hinder the demanded Satisfaction to be given them. On the other Hand, they write from Vienna, that in caſe the Poliſh Senators will not come into the Project made between the Emperor and the King of Poland, for giving Satisfaction to the Proteſtant Powers about the Affair of Thorn, a numerous Army will be ſent into that Kingdom, to bring them to Reaſon.

At the Aſſizes at Norwich, the 4 Perſons accuſed by Grice for ſetting Fire to the Houſe and Barns of Mr. Townſhend at Norham, were all acquitted, he pretending upon their Trial, that he knew nothing againſt them, denied his own Information made at their Commitment; upon which an Indictment was preferred againſt the ſaid Grice for being an Agent therein, of which he was found guilty and received Sentence.

Yeſterday a Commiſſion of Review was granted by the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, relating to the Will of Mr. Kenedy Rhodes late Bookſeller in Fleetſtreet.

They write from Durham, that on the 31ſt paſt at the Aſſizes there, one John Brown and Chriſtopher Richardſon, were tried before Baron Price, for attempting to poiſon William Coatsworth Eſq; their Maſter, by putting Arſenick into his Chocolate; they were both found guilty, and one of them is cloſs confined Priſoner for 5 Years, and the other for 3 Years, one was his Butler and the other his Gardener, and that every 10th of June, being the Day they attempted to poiſon their Maſter, they are to be whipt 40 Times about the Market Place; and every Saturday after the Quarter Seſſions for the Peace, they are to ſtand on the Pillory.

'Tis obſerved of the Whales, the largeſt of which taken by the Triton being 50 Foot long, that their Blood is extreme hot, for the laſt Fiſh that was cut up, his Fleſh ſmoaked with Heat after he had lyen dead in the Sea-Water 18 Hours, and in froſty Weather, and its ſaid that one of the Whales when it was lanced by our Sailers, threw up as near as could be computed, ten Puncheons of Blood upon the Ice.

At the Aſſizes held for the County of Cornwall at Bodmyne, before Mr. Juſtice Forteſque Aland, and Mr. Juſtice Denton, which ended laſt Friday Night, only one Malefactor receiv'd Sentence of Death, *viz.* Andrew Jenkins, for the Murder of a Sheriff Officer, who had a Perſon in Cuſtody upon an Arreſt, when the ſaid Jenkins and ſeveral others broke into the Room where he was detain'd, and reſcued him, after committing the Murder.

This Week, Hannah, the Wife of James Gibby, was committed by Juſtice Ryalton for curſing his Majeſty, in theſe Words: *G-d damn K. George; he may kiſs my Backſide.*

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Auguſt 5.

Rome, July 20. Several ſatyrical Writings againſt the ſeven Cardinals, promoted to that Dignity by the preſent Pope, are ſecretly handed about; abundance of People are likewiſe very free with their Tongues againſt the preſent Government, on which Account, ſeverals have been taken up and committed. We have received the melancholly confirm'd News, that a Sicilian Felucca, which ſailed Tueſday was ſennight with 20 Paſſengers on board, was taken by Corſairs.

London, Auguſt 5. Colonel Cadogan's Regiment of Foot is paſs'd by Berwick, on its March to the Highlands of Scotland.

Some Days ago, a Fellow that was reputed half

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a Fool, having gain'd the Good-will of a Maid-ſervant, who had ſav'd a pretty Sum, privately married her: And afterwards pretending he had a Letter that gave him an Account of an Eſtate left him in the Country, enticed her to go down with him to ſettle there; ſhe conſented, and carried all her Cargo with her. The Vilain wanted his Opportunity when the Coaſt was clear, and riding out into a By-place, knock'd the poor Woman off the Horſe, and ſtabbed her barbarouſly, ſo that one of her Eyes flew out: Not ſatisfied with that, he gave her ſeveral other Wounds, and then taking her Money, left her in that miſerable Condition. Providentially a Perſon happened to come into that very Place in a little Time after the Vilain had left it, and ſeeing ſuch a deplorable Object, adminiſtred ſuch Aſſiſtance as brought the poor Creature to her Senſes. Upon her diſcovering the barbarous Author of her Wounds, he was purſued and taken, and is now at Lancaſter in Cuſtody. 'Tis hoped the Woman may recover; but however, the Barbarity of the Action, together with the Vilain's having another Wife, as it ſince appears he has, makes it very probable, that if ever he goes to Heaven, it will be in a String.

From Miſs's Weekly Journal, ----

AS I am very anxious concerning every Thing which may contribute to the Diverſion of my Readers, in order to their better Entertainment, I frequently conſult certain Gentlemen, my Friends, who are reputed Perſons of good Taſte in the *Belles Lettres*.

I ſhall not here take upon me draw the Characters of thoſe my Friends and Privy Councellors; I ſhall only obſerve one of them to be a Gentleman who has very acurately ſtudied that Part of Natural Philoſophy, which teaches us to know what every Month of the Year preſents us for the Table; he can tell you to a Day when every Fiſh of the Sea, Lake or River; and every Fowl, wild or tame, goes out of Seaſon. This Kind of Learning makes him a very uſeful Man to any Society or Club, for no Man is ſo well qualified to be a Caterer.

As I lately had a Meeting with this Gentleman and ſome others, I deſired their Advice what Subjects to go upon in the preſent Stand and Calm of publick Affairs; my Friend before named, told me, that conſidering the Time of Year, and that by the late Alteration of the Weather for the better, the Sun began to have ſome Influence; it was his Opinion, that ſomething upon Love would go off very well, adding, That it was now in *Seaſon*.

Love indeed, is a Subject that concerns all Sexes and Conditions, and I don't know but I might ſay all Ages too; and as to my Friend's Opinion, of its being at this Time in Seaſon, I have my ſelf had an Opportunity of making a Remark which greatly ſtrengthens that Notion; for I have obſerved, that I have ſome Times received more Letters from my Correſpondents, in a Week at this Time of the Year upon the Subject of Love, than in two or three Months after the fall of the Leaf.

Wherefore, when any Correſpondents ſends me a Letter full of Flames in the Middle of the Winter, I look upon it to be as unnatural a Production, as *Aſparaguſs* at Chriſtmaſs; and, like all Things that are forc'd, it appears to me very inſipid: Therefore I deſire thoſe Gentlemen and Ladies, who intend to oblige me and the Public with any Thing upon the Subject of Love, that they will pleaſe to light up their amorous Fires before the Sap begins to fall, otherwiſe I ſhall be obliged to poſtpone their Eſſays till the enſuing merry Month of May.

But leſt ſome ſhould imagine, that Love, as it is generally dreſs'd up in Flames (at leaſt metaphorically) may be a proper Subject for cold Weather; I think fit to take notice, That there is another Subject, which is found much more effectual at Warming, and which, for that Reaſon, I intend to lay aſide till froſty Weather comes in, and that is, *Politicks*. I have known a large Company put into a comfortable Heat in a cold froſty Day, by talking of the Suſpenſion of the *Habeas Corpus Act*, or the Deficiency of the Civil Liſt, or a new Tax, or the City Bill, or -------, or an hundred and fifty other Things I could name. But as I intend to conſult the Conveniency and Health of my Readers, as well as their Diverſion, I reſolve to be a ſtrict Obſerver of the Weather; and by the Help of a good *Barrometer*, I deſign to preſent them, from Time to Time, with ſuch Things, as may make the Inclemencies of the Seaſon appear tolerable and eaſy: As for Example; 'Tis found by Experience, that a Courſe of cloudy or wet Weather, is apt to affect the Heads of Engliſhmen with Vapours and Spleen; as is well made out by a certain Poet, who deſcribing a Shower of Rain, has thoſe Lines:

Saunt'ring in Coffee-houſe, is Dulman *ſeen*;
He damns the Climate, and complains of Spleen.

When I ſee the Glaſs full, and the Clouds gather, I ſhall prepare a little Satyr to adminiſter to my Readers: For 'tis the Opinion of the learned Phyſicians, both ancient and modern, who have treated upon that Subject, that Satyr is a moſt ſovereign Remedy for the Spleen.

But to return to my preſent Purpoſe. There is

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a Gentleman of my Acquaintance, who is now writing a Treatiſe upon *The Art of Kiſſing*, and which he intends to publiſh after the modern Way of Subſcription. As he has communicated his Deſign to me, I think my ſelf obliged to publiſh his *Letter* and *Propoſals*, becauſe I promiſed to take notice of the Works of the Learned: At the ſame time, I think it will be no way prejudicial to the Deſign of this Paper, becauſe it may ſerve as an Introduction to ſome future Eſſays upon Love.

The above Letter *and* Propoſals *ſhall be Part of our next Mercury.*

From the Evening Poſt, Auguſt 7.

No Foreign Mails.

Chantilly, Auguſt 3. The Parliament of Britanny having refuſed to regiſter the Royal Edict for laying a Tax of two per Cent. upon all yearly Revenues, have ſent hither Deputies to acquaint the King with the Reaſons they have for not regiſtrating the ſame; but the Court rejecting theſe Reaſons, has declared to the ſaid Deputies, that the Edict muſt furthwith be regiſtred; and to give their Orders more Weight, Troops have been ſent into that Province. The Aſſembly of the Clergy are alſo very unwilling to ſubmit to that Tax; but Mr. Dodun Comptroller General has plainly told them, that the King will be obeyed.

Vienna, July 28. The Duke de Riperda is making all poſſible Speed in preparing a noble Equipage for his publick Entry, and for the greater Diſpatch, has bought ſome Coaches of the Venetian Ambaſſador. The Duke de Richlieu Ambaſſador of France, is ſo buſy in repaying the Viſits he has received, That he has not had any Conference with the Imperial Miniſters, neither concerning the Difference between him and the Ambaſſador of Spain, nor about any other Affair; but he often inſinuates in Common Converſation, that it much concerns the Imperial Court, to cultivate a good Friendſhip with the King his Maſter, and avoid giving him any Reaſon to ſuſpect their being otherwiſe inclined.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Auguſt 7.

Hague, Aug. 3. The Count de Brancas, who is going to the Court of Sweden in the Quality of Ambaſſador of his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, is to take Hanover in his Way, and to let the Court there into ſome Part of his Inſtructions, wherin the Intereſts of King Staniſlaus are not forgot. That Miniſter, in Diſcourſe with the Great Penſionary Hornbeck and the Regiſter Fagel, ſpoke very frankly of the Affair of Thorn; which he exclaimed againſt as the greateſt Piece of Cruelty and Injuſtice that ever was heard of; and ſaid, the Proteſtant Powers had all the Reaſon in the World to reſent ſuch Uſage of the Citizens of Thorn; and to interpoſe in their Behalf. Strange Language this! to come out of the Mouth of a Miniſter of France, at a Time of Day, when 'tis well known the Hugonets find but indifferent Quarter in their Native Country.

Hamburg, Auguſt 7. Letters from Petersburg give an Account, that the Czarina having at laſt reſolved to go and ſurvey the Fleet at Cronſtadt, went on board one of the Yatchts, with the D. of Holſtein, and ſailed thither the 21 paſt; Admiral Wilſter, with a Commodore, being gone 2 Days before to give the neceſſary Orders for her Majeſty's Reception. Tho' the main Sea-exerciſe will be laid aſide for this Year, yet 'tis aſſured, that ſeveral Men of War will be ranged in Line of Battle before her Majeſty, and perform ſome Exerciſes. The Swediſh Ambaſſador and the French Envoy are likwiſe ſailed thither to ſee that Performance; which done, the Fleet will in all Probability be laid up, after having detached ſome Ships to Riga.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt Auguſt 7.

Paris, Auguſt 10. Mr. Walpole, the Britiſh Reſident, has frequent Conferences with the D. of Bourbon on the Affairs of his Negociation. Some Advices from Madrid ſay, That the Catholic King has amind to name Cardinal Alberoni for his Ambaſſador at the Court of Rome. And as to the Deſign he had to abdicate the Crown a 2d Time, he will be entirely govern'd herein by the Opinion of his Council of Conſcience.

Durham, Auguſt 2. A Man has been condemned at our Aſſizes for robbing his Wife. He was committed for barbarouſly beating and abuſing her; but it appearing that he had a former Wife living, was tried for Felony and convicted.

Lincoln, Auguſt 4. Friday laſt, Mr. Biſhop was hanged here for the barbarous Murder of his own Mother, in order to get her Jointure; and confeſſed the Fact.

Horſham in Suſſex, July 29. A Priſoner in this Jail for ſtealing Iron, has cut out his own Tongue, that he might not be tried, one that had done ſo formerly here having eſcaped.

London, Aug. 7. We are informed from Glaſgow, That the Provoſt and other Magiſtrates of that City, have tranſmitted an humble Addreſs to his Majeſty at Hanover, together with a Memorial touching the late Riot there. A Copy of which Memorial (as we are alſo informed) hath been tranſmitted to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices.

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The most material Passages of the Letter, Aug. 7.

'Tis assured, that the Conferences for settling the Limits between France and Spain, will be resum'd at Bayonne.

The Lords Justices are to meet next Thursday on Affairs of great Importance.

The Parliament is further Prorogu'd to the Thirtieth of September next.

Edinburgh, August 12. Tuesday last, M. Campbell of Schawfield went hence for London.

We hear of nothing extraordinary that has happened with relation to the Brewars since our last.

N B. In the Account of the Cowpar Election in our last, there were three Merchant Counsellors omitted, *viz. Thomas Greig, Robert Sym* and *Alexander Abercromby.* So that the Election was thus:

Andrew Rutherford, *Provost*; William Sibbald, William Geddie and James Dotte, *Baillies*; David Rutherford, *Dean of Guild*; David Balantyne, *Treasurer*; Patrick Crombie, Thomas Greig, Robert Sym, Alexander Abercromby, Robert Millar, Thomas Davidson and John Grieg, *Merchant-Counsellors*; William Lees, *Deacon-Conveener*; John Smith, John Moir, John Duncan, Alex. Watt, David Wilson, Robert Thomson and John Sibbald, *Deacons and Trades-Counsellors.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Post-Office, Edinb. Aug. 9. 1725.

¶ Whereas the Boy riding with the Glasgow Mail from the General Post-office at Edinburgh, was, upon the 22d of July last, betwixt the Hours of 11 & 12 at Night, attacked by two Men in Country habit beyond Corstorphin, some more than 2 Miles from Edinburgh, who beat and wounded him, demanded the Money and Bank-notes he carried, robb'd him of what Money was in his Pocket, and thereafter seized and opened the Pacquet: These are therefore promising a Reward of Thirty Pounds Sterling, to such Person as shall discover who the said Robbers were, so as that they may be apprehended and convicted of the said Robbery. The said Reward to be paid by ARCH. DOUGLAS.

†b† Notice is hereby given, That on the first Wednesday of September next, being the eight of that Month, at two a-clock Afternoon, in the Burrow Room of this City, The Houses and Tenements after mentioned, which now are at the Disposal of the Magistrates and Council, as having been found and declared waste and ruinous for more as the Space of three Years, and unrebuilt and repaired in the Time limited by Law, after the Proprietors and others interested, were regularly charged to have done the same, and which were, as the Law directs, regularly appretiate by an Inquest; Are severally to be exposed to Sale by a voluntary Roup to the highest Bidder. The Conditions of the Roup, and the Good Town's Right thereto, are to be seen at the Council Chamber.

Follows a List of the said Houses, Tenements and Areas.

The ruinous Houses or Walls on the East and West of the Bull Close, at the back of Miln's Square, The Burnt Tenement on the West Side of Gray's Close, The ruinous Houses or Stables on the South Side of Canongate Head in Ross's Close, Part of the Tenement at the South Side of Cowgate Port, once a Brewary, The waste and ruinous Houses and Tenements on the West of Dickson's Close, The Area or waste between Peebles Wynd and Stephen Laws Close, The Area or Waste on the East Side of Peebles Wynd near the Foot thereof, now a Sclater's Yard, The waste and ruinous Tenement at the Back of Bells Wynd, The 3 uppermost Stories of the Tenement waste and ruinous on the West Side of said Bell's Wynd, a small waste and ruinous Tenement on the East Side of Steill's Close, The whole Area of the great Building called the Kirk Heugh and Babylon, and of the Close thereto joining, formerly St. Ninian's Close, The waste and ruinous Tenements round the Meal Market, The ruinous Tenement in Forester's Wynd, The ruinous Houses in the Society fronting the Candlemaker-raw, The waste and ruinous Tenement in the West Bow called Major Weir's, The waste and ruinous Tenement on the North Side of Haliburton's Land at the Foot of the Bow, The ruinous and waste third Storie of the Tenement on the East Side of Halkerston's Wynd near the Foot, The ruinous Lofts and Stables on the East Side of Candlemaker-raw, The ruinous Tenement on the East Side of Easter stinking Close, The ruinous Houses on the West Side of the Wester stinking Close near the Foot thereof, and the whole of that waste and ruinous Tenement, with the Shops under the same, called Archbald's Land, except a Vault or Bake House, lying on the West Side of Fishers Land, to the South of the Bowhead Well.

¶ Whereas the Field of COAL lying on the South west of Tranent, which was formerly drowned, is now drained, and two working Pits on it: These are therefore to advertise all Coalliers, Putters, Sinkers, and other able-body'd Workmen that want Work, to repair to Joseph Peck Viewer, at his House in Tranent, who will give them suitable Encouragement, and good Payment. Such as are bound Servants to any particular Coallieries, shall be thankfully delivered up to their respective Masters, if they are in the said Coallery at the Time of Requisition. Others who are at Liberty, and incline to settle in said Service, shall have a free House, and other suitable Encouragements.

¶b¶ *That the Possession of* NEWPORT-DUNDEE, *belonging to the Guildry of the said Burgh, having a large convenient Dwelling-house of Three-story high, which consists of a Cellar under Ground, another large Cellar, two Rooms, a Kitchen, three Fire-rooms, in the lower Storey; a Dining-room, and four Fire-rooms, in the second Storey; a large Room for Servants, containing several six'd Beds, and two Garrets, in the upper Storey: A Brewhouse, Malt house, Kiln and Coble, two Stables, with several other Office-houses; two Houses for Boatmen, six Acres of arable Land, a Yard, a convenient Harbour, and a good Pierre: Are to be sette in Tack, by publick Roup, to the highest Offerer, for 3, 5, or 7 Years from and after Martinmass next, within the Tolbooth of Dundee, upon Wednesday the 25th of August Inst. betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon. The Articles of Roup are to be seen at the Town Clerk's Chamber.*

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